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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: US National Stage of PCT/FR99/01369

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For: A SAFETY ASSEMBLY FOR A PREFILLED SYRINGE FOR INJECTING LIQUID,

IN PARTICULAR A MEDICINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, and after entry of the translated annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 5-7, 10 and 12-13 as follows:

5. (Amended) An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the means for resiliently urging the body (K) of the syringe into the protection position comprise a thrust spring (R) designed to bear both against the flange (CL) of the body (K) of the syringe and

